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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1133

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 21, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Election of School Board Members.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Election Standards*- The bill provides standards for election of the members of the governing body of a school corporation on a nonpartisan basis. The bill provides that a candidate who violates the standards and is elected may be removed from office.

Civil Penalty- The bill provides that a political party may not directly or indirectly campaign for or against a candidate for election to the governing body. The bill provides that a political party that violates this prohibition is subject to a civil penalty.

Gary School Corporation- The bill provides that all the members of the governing body of the Gary School Corporation (GSC) will be elected at large by the voters of the school corporation beginning in 2010. The bill repeals a provision governing the drawing of governing body district lines for the GSC.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Gary School Corporation*- Election ballots in the GSC may need to be modified to reflect that all members are elected at large. Reformatting ballots would minimally affect Lake County ballot expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Civil Penalty*- Political parties in violation of campaigning for or against

a school board member would be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000 plus all investigative expenses charged. Local election civil penalty revenue is placed in the campaign finance enforcement account (CFEA). Money in a CFEA does not revert to the county general fund at the end of the year.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards; Gary School Corporation.

Information Sources:

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